

NEW AFRICAN LEADER : The Church Army in Eastern Africa has only been an autonomous society since 1962 yet it now has its own African leader. The original leader, Captain John Ball an English Officer, withdrew from the leadership in January when the Rev. Crispus Nzano was installed in office. He was formerly a Church Army officer and last year he spent about nine months with the English Society in preparation for his present position.

The African Society seems to be one of the most vigorous and venturesome of the Church Armies and has a present strength of 53 Captains and Sisters with 15 students in training. Their new Training College opened recently by the Rev. Prebendary D. M. Lynch was a gift from the English Church Army.

CAPTAIN AND MRS. LES. FERNANCE : On Saturday, 13th March, Les and Patricia were married at St. John's Church, Parramatta.

Church Army uniforms were well to the fore with Captain Michael Tobin as Best Man and Captain John McKnight as Groomsman. Also present among the many guests were Miss G. A. Walton who is a Board member and College lecturer, Captain Quayle, Captain Clarke and Captain and Mrs. Gwilt.

We wish the happy couple every blessing and joy in their shared life and ministry in the Lord's service.

A FAMILY WEEKEND : The Federal Secretary had the pleasure of joining Captain Rex Harris, the Rev. Reg. Clarke and some of our students, on a Family Camp over the weekend 6th-7th March. All the families came from the Green Valley area where Captain Harris is the Area Youth Director. The Church Army students were responsible for the children's programme whilst Captain Gwilt, as a family man, gave the talks for the parents and the teenage members of the families.

This was the second such weekend and both of them have proved to be of real value and blessing to the life of the parish and to the family members who have attended them.

GOLDEN JUBILEE : On the 22nd February Captain S. R. Banyard, the founder of the Church Army in New Zealand, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his service as a Church Army Officer. Coming from England in the 1930's, he led the work of the Church Army in New Zealand until 1950. Then he went on to work in the prisons, and was awarded the M.B.E. in 1956 in recognition of his services.

He and Mrs. Banyard live in retirement in Auckland and we wish them both many more years of happy retirement and Christian service.

AN URGENT NEED : Our faithful old motor mower has given good service for many years but it seems that the extra work required of it in the extensive grounds at Belrose, is more than it can manage. Captain Clarke and the students work very hard in the grounds gradually developing and beautifying them, but they are handicapped by having to coax along a worn out old mower which, at the moment, we cannot afford to replace. Any help towards this need would be much appreciated — and especially by Captain Clarke and the students !

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WILL

Your Legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

"I give to the Church Army in Australia *

and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.

TRANS — AUSTRALIA

By Captain F. D. Clarke

What better day than Australia Day to commence one's first journey across Australia and back? To me it seemed most fitting, as Captain Gwilt and I set out on the first stage of a 5,500 miles, twelve day trip by road and air to welcome Prebendary Lynch and Mrs. Lynch of the Church Army in England, to visit our own officers, to do deputation work and to recruit new workers.

The journey by road to Melbourne took us through rolling farming country and we were able to appreciate the tranquility of the small towns and settlements that make up so much of rural Australia. In Victoria's capital we visited Church Army supporters and arranged for the Rally to take place on our return trip before leaving the next day by jet plane for Perth where we were soon plunged into a full programme of visits and preparation for Prebendary Lynch's arrival and our weekend work. Early Friday morning January 29th, we watched the big jet plane land and were soon greeting the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Lynch and exchanging news of Church Army colleagues in other parts of the world. The weekend, when we were joined by the Rev. Captain Norman Polgen, included an evening garden meeting at the home of Church Army friends, preaching engagements at city and suburban churches and the Cathedral and a session at the Diocesan Summer School where, on the Sunday afternoon, in the lovely grounds of the St. Hilda's Girls' School we had the opportunity of discussing the evangelistic and social work of our Society with the many clergy and lay people there. Western Australia extended its traditional hospitality and many people expressed the hope that we would soon have more Church Army officers serving in the West.

The return trip to Melbourne gave us the opportunity to meet Sister Bridges during a short stop at Adelaide and we appreciated learning something at first hand of Sister's work at the "Farr House" children's home.

The highlight of the Melbourne visit was a well supported Rally where we were joined by mem-

bers of the Young Anglican Fellowship who enlivened the programme with musical items.

The following day we joined Captain and Mrs. Malcolm at Nowa Nowa and saw something of their work in the town and at the Lake Tyers Reserve.

After a delightful Parish Tea we travelled to Bairnsdale for an evening Rally arranged by the Archdeacon and attended by the Bishop of the Diocese and many local people including the Mayor. Another long day of travel over grand mountain country brought us to Junee where Captain Michael Tobin and his Rector had planned an Inter-church Coffee Club programme bringing together people of all ages and where, interspersed between musical items, we showed slides of the Society's work and shared something of our experiences.

The final over-night stop in Canberra gave us the opportunity to join some of the local clergy at a lunch time talk and discussion at St. Mark's Institute of Theology.

In a short article of this nature it would be impossible to give a complete report of the journey but it did bring us into contact with many interested clergy and other friends as well as introducing our work to many new friends. Wherever we went we received the most generous hospitality and were much impressed and encouraged by the work our officers are doing. At most of the meetings we were able to use some of the new slides prepared by Captain Mattinson and these were much appreciated. Although weather-wise the tour was a rather wet and sticky one we did enjoy the magnificent scenery for which Australia is famous and felt something of the surge of progress going on in the expanding towns and cities. The whole trip was a time of happy fellowship and we returned home to Sydney rejoicing in the way the Lord had guided and protected us and provided us with so many opportunities of sharing His blessings to us.

For me it was an unexpected opportunity to see not only something of the vastness and variety within this continent but also the wonderful opportunities opening to us as we step out in faith and obedience to our Lord's command to do the work of an Evangelist.



Mostly it doesn't seem to go as far as they expect and often they come back and say, "Sister I only got these few things and they cost me all my money."

Daily, in so many ways, we try to carry out our Lord's command to bring our children to Him. We answer their questions to the best of our ability, even the difficult ones. Three girls teach Sunday School so they have to know some answers themselves. We pray for them, guide them, love them, and when they leave the Home they know they are always welcome to come back for a meal or to stay a while. When they finish school we do our best to find positions for them where we think they will be happy and have full scope for their talents and abilities. Also, for those who need it, we find suitable accommodation.

We pray always that they will come to know, trust and love the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as their own Saviour and Friend.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

"Ready for anything" is a good motto for Church Army officers and it was appropriately demonstrated recently when one of our officers commenced his duties in a new appointment. Two days after his arrival in the parish he was driving along when he noticed a woman coming out of a shop in obvious distress. Actually she was suffering from an acute attack of asthma. He was not aware of this but stopped to see if he could be of help. By the time he reached her she had collapsed on the pavement and had ceased breathing. Realising this he promptly applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a method he had only recently learned from an Ambulance Officer in his former parish, but which he had never previously applied. While doing this the woman's son, who was present but too shocked by his mother's appearance to help her, rang for the ambulance. The woman was kept alive by resuscitation until the ambulance arrived and took her to hospital.

After accompanying her and being assured that she would survive, the Church Army officer slipped away without waiting to be thanked and only later was he traced by the family of the woman and warmly thanked for saving her life.

Too often an Evangelist's work is referred to cynically as "saving souls" but his task is to save the whole person and while he may not often be called upon to apply artificial resuscitation, he must be "ready for anything" and willing at all times to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people.

A GOSPEL FOR TODAY

PRINCIPLES

From all that has been said about our permissive society and the way in which man has come to trust machines more than other human beings, etc., we are bound to ask "Are there any guiding principles for life today?"

Now that really is sticking out your neck! Young moderns hate guiding principles. They want to be able to work everything out for themselves. They have been taught from an early age that there are no more "ultimates": there is no black and white: everything is a peculiar "grey". Nothing is "wrong"—only relatively so. Certain things are perhaps "socially unacceptable" today, but not necessarily tomorrow, and many things that were "socially unacceptable" yesterday are exceedingly welcome today. We have long since, it will be argued, proved there is no ultimate evil—the Devil. We have laughed him right out of court. Now of course even theologians are saying "There is no God—God is dead." Indeed you are sticking your neck out if you want to have "Principles for living."

IDEALISM

A little reflection however demonstrates that we find it impossible to live with our system. We want to be quite free, yet we make more laws than ever before. We want to rise to great heights yet we have sunk to greater depths than ever. We say nothing is really bad yet students throughout the world march in protest in every direction crying "You are all bad, bad, very bad and only we are good—at least a little!" In all fairness it must be added that the National Union of Students are seeking to help the under-privileged, and their President hopes they will do it in a spirit of humility. In other words there is an idealism in man which flatly refuses to die. Systems creak, crack and crash, but the City of God rises from the ruins: a new standard emerges and a golden age beckons even in cynical days like our own!

Now although a minority of the student world and a few intelligentia may be making a lot of noise protesting, most of us do nothing about any-

thing. This sloth and inertia may well be our besetting sin. "There's nothing I can do that will make any difference." This is almost the opposite to the sin of pride. This is simply leaving evil to get on with it. Christ strongly condemned the man who was so idle that he simply hid his talent in the ground (Matt. 25v.26). He even praised the unjust steward who at least had the common sense to do something! (Luke 16v.8).

HARD GRAFT

Christ never encouraged us to imagine that we can get someone else or something else (The Bible for example) to relieve us of the hard graft of thinking for ourselves. He so often refused to answer the direct question "By whose authority do you do this?" or "Who is my neighbour?". These questions were answered by a parable or an alternative conundrum. We must not imagine therefore that Christian ethics are intended to be a sort of rule book which we can look up in order to cover every conceivable kind of problem which may arise. This can never be the case. We are meant to be very active and to think and pray. It is interesting to see how the Gospel associates prayer with watchfulness and alertness (Matt. 24v.42 and following verses: also see 26vv.36-46).

So in dealing with this matter of "ethics", we have to ask ourselves "Is there a sort of Divine 'ought'?" Genesis starts off on that assumption, but Adam and Eve ignored it. If there is an ultimate Divine Will it must be able to convey itself to man. Is evil really intrinsically evil, and does good really exist or is it just a matter of opinion and social convenience? Is there a supreme directive will, a saviour of men, a holy God who cares for man?

LIMITS OF LOGIC

Most of the finest lives we can think of have fashioned their lives on an ideal, on the following of a guiding star, on the assumption that this ideal is attainable and really there, that it has substance. Yet in spite of all this we are not quite sure, and

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